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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write to you today to express my support of the Microsoft settlement. The Department of Justice has now spent three years toiling over this issue without any resolution. Finally last November a tentative settlement agreement was reached. This settlement should be enacted with haste. It represents a fair mediation between all parties involved.

The terms of the settlement are very fair. Microsoft now agrees to license its Windows software at the same rate to the largest manufacturers of PCs. This make the marketplace much more competitive. Also Microsoft will agree not to retaliate against companies that use, sell, or promote non-Microsoft products. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed to share information with its competitors that will allow them to more easily place their own programs on the Windows operating system.

Obviously Microsoft has been generous in resolving this issue. The Justice Department must enact this settlement.

Sincerely,

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